

REMARKS

Prior to this Amendment, claims 9, 88-96, 98, 99, 145, and 150-156 were pending. If this Amendment is entered, claims 152-156 will have been canceled and claims 9, 88-96, 98, 99, 145, 150, and 151 will be pending.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 9, 88-96, 98, 99, 145, 150, and 151 are allowed.

The only claim rejections in the Office Action dated February 7, 2003 were directed to claims 152-156. Claims 152-156 have been canceled by this Amendment. Accordingly, the Applicants believe that all rejections have been obviated and it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are in form for allowance.

Enclosed herewith is a new set of corrected Drawings.

The time for responding to the Office Action was set for May 7, 2003. A Petition for the Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period sufficient to permit the filing of this response is enclosed.


The Applicants hereby also make a Conditional Petition for any relief available to correct any defect seen in connection with this filing, or any defect seen to be remaining in this application after this filing. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600 for any fees associated with such Conditional Petition.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully request entry of this Amendment and submits that all of the pending claims of the subject application are in condition for allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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